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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Should not these District Educational Officers have communicated to the managements in view of the fact there was a original proceeding in which endowments were asked? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " In certain matters, the District Educational Officers communicated the proceedings to the managements. Certain proceedings are for instructions to the District Educational Officers and these may not be communicated to the managements."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the corrections made in regard to endowments and since the administration of the endowments rest with the management . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think that is enough."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know Sir, whether any Government Order has been passed cancelling the instructions contained in the proceedings passed by the Director of Public Instruction? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " I may make it clear that never was any exemption given so that there was no necessity for Government's saying that these exemptions given need not be given. The only reply was or the only clarification needed was to the question whether anything was done. The answer was 'No.' Therefore there was no necessity to issue a Government Order."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I was intending to request you, Sir, to allow me to raise a debate under rule 14. But having heard the Hon. Minister and his expression of regret for words which he used, which have caused great concern and anxiety in certain quarters and also widespread resentment I suggest that the whole matter should now be considered closed. The Hon. Minister said it is closed as far as he is concerned and expressed regret for the strong words he used and it is my hope that the Bishops and all others will treat the matter as closed and there will be no more public agitation on this matter and any further meetings. I suggest that the regret should be accepted in the spirit in which it was expressed."

Joint session of both the Houses of Legislature.

* 113 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the cost to the Government is for having convened a joint session of both the Houses of the Legislature; and

(*b*) what was the need or the urgency for holding a joint session of both the Houses of the Legislature?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) Rupees two thousand three hundred and forty-five.

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" (b) The joint sitting was arranged in order that the then Governor of Madras may have an opportunity to address both the Chambers together on the eve of his departure from this Province."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" There is another question on the subject."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" This is another date and should be taken as a separate question. I shall, however, read the answer."

Session of the Council on 21st August 1948.

* 114 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state what the cost to the Government was for holding the session of the Council on the 21st August 1948?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" Rupees two thousand six hundred and seventeen and annas eleven only."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that it is the prerogative of His Excellency to call for a joint session ? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir, it is certainly his prerogative to call for it."

The Madras School of Arts.

* 115 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) what is the annual expenditure in respect of the Madras School of Arts;

(b) the staff employed in the school and their scales of salaries;

(c) the number of students;

(d) the fees collected from the students; and

(e) whether any scholarships are granted for the purpose of study in the school, and if so, the particulars thereof?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) The annual expenditure for the past three years was as follows :—

	RS.
1945–46	25,425
1946–47	42,637
1947–48	43,624

" (b) A statement [a] furnishing these particulars is placed on the table of the House.

" (c) The total number of students in the school is 260.

[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 452–453 infra.